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<b>Serial No.:</b>	09/473,551	<b>Atty. Docket No.:</b>	
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Enclosed herewith is a copy of the Amendment and Response submitted July 21, 2003 via facsimile. Applicant hereby asserts that the amendment was in fact transmitted to the PTO on July 21, 2003, as indicated in the certificate of facsimile, and confirmed by the attached status report indicating that the response was successfully

transmitted on that date. Applicant hereby requests entry of the amendment and response.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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